

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ONTARIO (PEO)

Government Liaison Program (GLP) - Sudbury Chapter

Meeting with MPP Jamie West

September 02, 2025 (10.00 am to 10.35 am)

Participants:

- MPP Jamie West (Sudbury)
- Alice Bom (Sudbury Chapter Chair)
- Asif Panhwar (GLP Committee Chair)

The meeting began with a brief meet-and-greet, followed by an introduction of Asif Panhwar and Alice Bom. The PEO delegation then briefed the MPP on the following:

- **A brief introduction to PEO**, including its history, members, and chapters. PEO operates under the legislative mandate of the PEO Act and is a self-regulating body. With over 100 years of operation, PEO has more than 90,000 members and 36 chapters.
- **Details of year-round chapter activities**, including:
 - Annual General Meeting
 - Student Social Night (held every September for the last several years)
 - License Award Ceremony (generally held twice a year: once during the AGM and again when a sufficient number of licenses have been awarded in the chapter area)
 - Scholarships for high school students pursuing engineering programs in college or university, awarded based on merit
 - Bridge Building Competition for students
 - Annual Golf Tournament (held in June or July)
 - Networking events (multiple events held throughout the year, inviting members and their partners, and sometimes their children, to socialize and network).
 - Technical events (sessions organized by the chapter with experts from various fields, which also help members earn Professional Development Hours (PDH) as part of a new PEO program)

- **'Take Your MPP to Work Day'**: Multiple MPPs, including MPP Gélinas, participated in this program before the COVID-19 pandemic. We are now looking at options to reinstate this program. MPP Gélinas showed great interest and recalled her last visit to a mine through the program.

Interaction and Discussion with the MPP

- MPP West is the Critic for Energy and Mines, so he had a good understanding and knowledge of the mining industry, and had a good working relationship with the provincial mining minister.
- Showed interest in the “take your MPP t work day’ program
- MPP was keen to improve mining industry

MPP West was unofficially invited to the Annual General Meeting scheduled for October 23, 2025. A formal invitation will be sent by the Chapter Chair upon confirmation of the date and venue.

An ‘Ajrak’ (cultural scarf) was also presented to MPP, brought by Asif.

The meeting was led by Asif Panhwar with support from Alice Bom.

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